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In re Application of  
Lee et al.  
Application No. 10/090,902  
Filed: May 31, 2002  
Attorney Docket No. 8836-146

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: DECISION GRANTING  
: PETITION  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed May 31, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded the later filing date of May 31, 2002, the date omitted Figures 7, 8A, 8B, and 8C were filed with the United States Patent and Trademark (Office).

On March 5, 2002, applicants deposited the above-identified application. However, on April 9, 2002, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a "Notice of Omitted Item(s)," stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of March 5, 2002, and advising applicants that Figures 7, 8A, 8B, and 8C appeared to have been omitted from the application.

In response, on May 31, 2002, applicants filed the present petition, the petition fee, a copy of Figures 7, 8A, 8B, and 8C described in the specification, and a supplemental declaration. Applicants requested that the above-identified application be accorded the later filing date of May 31, 2002, the date omitted Figures 7, 8A, 8B, and 8C were filed with the Office.

Accordingly, the petition is granted.

The application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing and to correct the filing date to May 31, 2002, using the Figures submitted on March 5, 2002, and May 31, 2002.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Christina Tartera Donnell at (703) 306-5589.

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